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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SPEECH OF APRIL 8 ON LOS  
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1, IN ABSENCE FROM COUNTRY OF FONMIN, MINSTATE FONAFFS AND  
FONMIN UNDER SECRETARY, AMBASSADOR SAW ACTING UNDER SECRETARY  
AMIN MOHAMED AL-AMIN APRIL 14 TO DELIVER COPY SECRETARY'S  
APRIL 8 SPEECH. AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH  
TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION LOS NEGOTIATIONS THIS YEAR. WORLD  
COMMUNITY CURRENTLY HAD OPPORTUNITY INSTITUTIONALIZE RULE OF LAW  
OVER 70 PERCENT OF EARTH'S SURFACE AND IT WOULD BE CALAMITY IF SUCH  
OPPORTUNITY WERE MISSED. SECRETARY HAD ACCORDINGLY MADE  
NUMBER SIGNIFICANT PROPOSALS TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING ISSUES  
WHICH WE HOPED WOULD BE STUDIED CAREFULLY BY ALL STATES  
REPRESENTED. AMIN AGREED FAILURE WOULD BE UN-  
FORTUNATE BUT SAID HE DOUBTED LOS NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE  
WOUND UP THIS YEAR. HE INDICATED THAT SECRETARY'S PRESENTA-  
TION WOULD BE STUDIED IN CONNECTION REPORTS FROM SUDANESE  
LOS DELEGATION, BUT NOED SUDANESE EXPERTS ON SUBJECT ARE NOW IN  
NEW YORK.

2, RE ISSUE OF WHETHER ECONOMIC ZONE IS PART OF THE HIGH  
SEAS, AMBASSADOR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD SUDAN HAD TAKEN POSITION  
OPPOSING THIS CONCEPT (USUN 1518). THIS WAS PUZZLING IN LIGHT  
LONGSTANDING VIEW OF MANY NATIONS THAT WATERS FALLING  
OUTSIDE TERRITORIAL WATERS REPRESENT HIGH SEAS. AMIN COMMENTED  
SOMEWHAT IRRELEVANTLY THAT SUDAN WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED  
IN ONE CANAL (PRESUMABLY SUEZ) AND GOS ATTITUDE SHOULD THEREFORE  
NOT BE TOO SUPRISING IN LIGHT WHAT HAD BEEN DONE IN PANAMA.

3, COMMENT. AMIN SEEMED GENERALLY UNSYMPATHETIC TO OUR  
APPROACH THOUGH HE AVOIDED DISCUSSING DETAILS. HE IS NEITHER  
KNOWLEDGEABLE ON SUBJECT NOR ASSIGNED TO PERMANENT LINE JOB  
IN MINISTRY BUT WAS ONLY SENIOR OFFICIAL AVAILABLE TO WHOM SPEECH

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